

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 21-23, 25-40, and 50-87 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 9-11, 22, 25, 30, 31, 58, 60, 61, 63 and 67 are amended. Claims 8, 29, 55, 59 and 62 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10, 11, 30, 60, 61 and 67 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 6 and 9-11 have also been amended to more clearly recite apparatus features rather than process features. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 55. Claim 6 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 8. Claim 9 has been placed in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of claim 6. Claim 22 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 29. Claim 25 has been placed in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of claim 22. Claim 58 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 59. Claim 63 has been placed in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of claim 58.

These amendments have been made in view of the "After Final" status of the application; and have been made only to expedite allowance of the application, they do not indicate that Applicants have agreed with the Examiner's interpretation of the claims or cited reference. As pointed out in paragraph 6 of the recent Office Action, these amendments overcome the cited reference. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested in favor of allowance of the application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to speak to Applicants' representative, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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